A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

(*c*) & (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the rules framed for the conduct of business by the Excise Advisory Committee—*vide* notification of the Commissioner of Excise No. 10, dated 25th August 1927, published at pages 1261–1263 of Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th September 1927. The rules contemplate that the Committee should consider the matters referred to by the hon. Member, and the Government have no reason to think that the local officers did not observe these rules.

(*e*) The hon. Member is referred to statement B of the Excise Administration Report for 1927–28, which has been published. The Committee recommended the closure of four arrack shops and all the four were closed.

Mr. C. Obi Reddi :—" May I know whether local advisory committees have not been formed in all the four revenue divisions of the district of Anantapur ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Location of the toddy shop near Dr. C. M. Pai's house at Nileshwar.

818 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the toddy shop located near Dr. C. M. Pai's house at Nileshwar, South Kanara, is at a distance of only about 30 yards from his house and dispensary and that on account of constant brawls of drunken people therein who oftentimes even enter his compound, the peace and comforts of himself, his family and his patients are greatly disturbed ;

(*b*) whether by a petition, dated 5th August 1927, he brought this to the notice of Mr. E. M. Gawne, the then Collector ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that he has likewise petitioned time and again to the local police and the tahsildar ;

(*d*) what are the orders of the Collector on his petition ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that after local inspection Mr. Gawne ordered a fresh site to be chosen as soon as possible as it was then the middle of the year and the renter of the shop would not agree to shift at once ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that regardless of his complaints, the shop still continues in the same place, even though another less objectionable place was selected ;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that the old site is being continued simply from the point of higher revenue ; and

(*h*) what steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) to (*h*) The Government have not the information and have called for a report.